

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/620,701	UTSUMI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/31/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>01/31/2006</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 01/31/2006, with respect to claims 4,5 and 7 have been fully considered and are persuasive.
2. The final rejection of 03/29/2005 has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's Representative on April 2006.

Claims 1-3,12 and 13 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 4-11 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 4 and 5 the prior art of the record in particular Shimizu'155 does not teach or suggest a supporting a method for positioning a rotational position sensor for a rotating electric machine , a stator including inter alias ; a position sensor and a detection stator, a signal rotor fixed to a rotation axis of the rotor, the method further comprising; constraining the rotor from

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rotating by energizing the stator coil; detecting the rotor to be rotated by at least a predetermined angle; and adjusting the position of the detection stator or the signal rotor so that the detection stator outputs a predetermined signal.

5. Regarding claim 7 the prior art of the record in particular Shimizu'155 does not teach or suggest a supporting method for positioning a rotational position sensor for a rotating electric machine which comprises a stator including a stator coil, and a rotor including a magnetic pole composed of a permanent magnet, wherein the rotational position sensor comprises a signal rotor fixed to a rotation axis of the rotor, including inter alias, fixing the magnetic pole and the signal rotor in a predetermined positional relation in a rotational direction constraining the rotor from rotating by energizing the stator coil; detecting the rotor to be rotated by at least a predetermined angle and adjusting the position of the detection stator so that the detection stator outputs a predetermined signal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Iraj A. Mohandesi whose telephone number is 571-272-2028. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2044. The

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fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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